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Lake Michigan Contender for TMDL Study, DNR to Hold Briefing

Madison- A public briefing will be held by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to discuss phosphorus runoff in Northeast Wisconsin, and possible responses for the restoration of Wisconsin's waterways. Representatives Terry Katsma (R-Oostburg) and Tyler Vorpagel (R-Plymouth) have been instrumental in planning the public meeting, as a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study has been proposed for the tributaries of Lake Michigan in Kewaunee, Manitowoc, and Sheboygan Counties.

"Water is one of our most valuable resources," Representative Katsma stated. "We have the opportunity to make a real positive impact by studying the levels and sources of pollutants in our waterways. The best way to understand how to protect our water, is to know what the contaminants are, and where they are coming from. A TMDL study would answer those questions for us, and get us on a path to preserving our water quality in the long term."

Representative Vorpagel added, "Many people are concerned about the water quality in the state and across the country. The best thing we can do to protect our water is learning more about it. I am excited to hear what the DNR has to present at the briefing, and hope to have this TMDL study on Lake Michigan, so we can continue learning."

The presentation by the DNR will take place on Monday, April 17th at 2:30pm at the Mead Public Library, in the Rocca Meeting Room. The public is welcome to come and listen. Representative Vorpagel and Representative Katsma will be in attendance.

Sheboygan Informational Session

What: DNR presentation on phosphorus runoff & TMDL study

When: Monday April 17th, 2:30pm to 4:30pm

Where: Mead Public Library, 710 N 8th St, Sheboygan WI 53081 Rocca Room

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